

TOEFL and IELTS Placement

Most international undergraduate students who are nonnative speakers of English have an iBT TOEFL score of 79 (no subsection below 15) or an IELTS score of 6.5 (no subsection below 6.0) instead of (or in addition to) an SAT score for **Standard Admission** to UB. **Standard Admission with Language Support** (“SALS,” formerly known as “Conditional Admission”) and **Conditional Bridge Admission** (“CBA”) are possible with lower scores, as detailed below. Other English test scores are possible but much less common. Here are the normal placement guidelines based on these test scores.

	TOEFL score Test ID: TOEFL Test Component TOTI (= Total)	IELTS score Test ID: IELTS Test Component ITOT (= Total)	Placement at UB	Notes*
Standard Admission with Language Support (“SALS”) & Conditional Bridge Admission (“CBA”)	Below 79 - OR - 79+ BUT any section < 15	Below 6.5 - OR - 6.5+ BUT any section < 6.0	ENG 100 & ESL 411	1, 2, 3
Standard Admission	79+ AND all sections 15+	6.5+ AND all sections 6.0+	ENG 100 - OR - ENG 105 <i>(see next table)</i>	4, 5
ENG 105 Waived?	TOTI = 100+ AND WRITI = 28+	ITOT = 8+ AND IWRIT = 8+	-	6, 7
	No TOEFL	No IELTS	?	8

ENG 100		ENG 105 “Z” sections (taught by ESL Pgm)		ENG 105 (sections taught by ENG)
TOEFL (TOTI) < 85		TOEFL (TOTI) = 85 – 90		TOEFL (TOTI) > 95
TOEFL READI < 22 and/or WRITI < 22	↔	AND READI and WRITI = 22 – 24	↔	AND READI and WRITI > 25
IELTS (ITOT) ≤ 7.0		IELTS (ITOT) = 7.5		IELTS > 7.5
IELTS IREAD ≤ 7.0 and/or IWRIT ≤ 7.0				AND IREAD > 7.0 and/or IWRIT > 7.0 Students who choose / prefer

ENG 100 and ENG 105 Placement *Spectrum* for Standard Admission

***Notes:**

1. **Standard Admission with Language Support** (“SALS”): Students with TOEFL or IELTS scores below the standard minimums must take Introduction to Academic Writing (ENG 100) concurrently with Spoken English (ESL 411) in their first semester. These students can not exceed four total courses during their first semester at UB (i.e., two courses in addition to ENG 100 and ESL 411).

2. *Conditional Bridge Admission ("CBA")*: Some students with lower English test scores are required to complete one semester of non-credit English courses ("Intensive English Program") through UB's English Language Institute prior to matriculating. After successfully passing these courses, these students matriculate with conditions identical to those of students in the *Standard Admission with Language Support* category. Two important differences exist:
 - A. Conditional Bridge Admission students will usually have English test scores in HUB that are lower and older than those of any of the students in the Standard Admission with Language Support category;
 - B. Conditional Bridge Admission students will be on campus for one semester prior to beginning their degree programs. Therefore, pre-registration and early advising should be easier to accomplish.
3. Unless transferring courses equivalent to ENG 100 or ENG 105, transfer students with TOEFL or IELTS scores in these lower score ranges should still complete both ESL 411 and either ENG 100 or ENG 105. If students receive transfer credit for ENG 100, then ENG 105 "Z" (sections taught by the ESL Program) and ESL 411 will normally be required in the first semester at UB. If transfer credit for ENG 105 has been given, then ESL 411 and a maximum of three other courses will normally be required in the first semester.
4. Sections of ENG 105 taught by the English department (sections other than "Z") are an **option** for all students with TOEFL or IELTS scores in the Standard Admission ranges. **The closer to 95 a student's TOEFL total score is (or 8.0 on IELTS), the less likely that sections of ENG 105 taught by the ESL Program are needed or appropriate.**
5. Sections of ENG 105 taught by English are also an option for students who have completed ENG 100, regardless of their initial admission category.
6. ENG 105 could **possibly** be waived, based on evaluation of a paper-based TOEFL. Refer students with a **minimum** score of 600 to Keith Otto for further evaluation. The waiver is **unlikely** without a TWE essay score of 5.0 or better.
7. Waiver policies only exist for TOEFL, IELTS, and SAT scores. Contact Keith Otto for evaluation of any other score on a test of English proficiency.
8. Check for SAT or other scores, contact Keith Otto for case-by-case evaluation, or both.

To summarize, the admissions conditions for students with lower English scores specify the following:

1. Student must complete Introduction to Academic Writing (ENG 100) – unless transferring an equivalent – and Spoken English (ESL 411) in the first semester at UB.
2. Student must earn a grade of at least C in ESL 411 and any required writing course (ENG 100 usually but ENG 105 for some transfer students) in the first semester.
3. Student can enroll in a maximum of four courses in the first semester.
4. Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 in the first semester.

Keith Otto verifies conditions 1 and 3 at the end of Drop/Add. Conditions 2 and 4 are verified at the end of the semester. Those students failing to meet condition 2 must repeat the required ESL and ENG course(s) for a grade of C or better in the next semester. Students failing to meet conditions 2 and/or 4 are limited to four courses again in the second semester, and (unless ENG 100 is being repeated) should complete ENG 105 as one of the four courses.

**For any other questions regarding TOEFL, IELTS, ESL, ENG, or admissions conditions, please
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